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Dear Ms Rice:

This letter is in support of the Delta Protection Commission's (DPC) application to the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for the Great California Delta Trail Blueprint Report for Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo Counties. Partnership with San Joaquin would connect the DPC with local representatives to serve on the Project's Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committees, and assist in acquiring necessary information on the County, such as relevant planning documents and GIS data.

In 2006 the State Legislature passed SB 1556 (Torlakson), which requires the DPC to develop and implement a plan for a continuous regional recreational corridor that would extend around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shorelines in Contra Costa, Solano, San Joaquin Sacramento, and Yolo Counties. The Plan will link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties. A Blueprint Report is the first step, prior to the development of a master plan for the Delta Trail System. Blueprint Reports for Contra Costa and Solano Counties have been completed and approved by the DPC in September 2010. DPC has reported that next steps include the development of a Blueprint Report for Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo Counties.

Your approval of the DPC's application to the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program is strongly urged. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (209) 468-3113.

Sincerely,


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cc: Michael Machado, Delta Protection Commission
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